

family wonderful times in the years ahead. In the coming years, as he leads Tyler through the community, he will be able to point and to say, "Dad helped make that possible." I am certain that his son will be impressed, and perhaps another generation of public service will be born because of those moments. This is one of the chief ways in which American democracy sustains itself. From parent to child. From generation to generation. From local government to national. The accomplishments of all of us add up, and Eric Rodriguez's service is illustrative of this remarkable reality of democracy.

RECOGNIZING LAREDO MAYOR  
PEDRO IGNACIO SAENZ, JR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mayor Pedro Ignacio Saenz, Jr.

After serving the maximum two terms as mayor of my hometown of Laredo, Texas, Mayor Saenz will step down at the end of this year. I would like to congratulate him on his many accomplishments in office and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

A third generation Laredoan, Mayor Saenz is a pillar of our community. He raised his family in Laredo. He built a highly successful law practice there and specialized in oil and gas for 30 years. Mayor Saenz was president of both the South Texas Food Bank and the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation—and he served for 12 years on the board of Laredo College, including as Board President, where he was instrumental in establishing the South Campus.

As mayor, he was a tireless advocate for the City of Laredo. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Saenz shepherded the city through a public health emergency. He helped the city manage difficult cross-border politics and challenging water issues. He helped lay the groundwork for closer binational cooperation with Nuevo Laredo and for substantial new investments in infrastructure.

Being a mayor is a 24/7 job. After serving two full terms, Mayor Saenz has earned the right to step away and spend more time with his family, including his wife Minerva, his 3 children, and his 5 grandchildren. I congratulate him on his work over the past 8 years, and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter of his life holds.

LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and to pay tribute to my constituents with lymphedema and their loved ones.

Nearly ten million Americans currently suffer from lymphedema, symptoms of which include intense discomfort, recurring infections, and difficulty moving. Lymphedema is characterized by swelling of the arms and legs often

caused by cancer or cancer treatments that result in the damage or blockage of the lymphatic system. There is no cure, but there are effective treatments. I want to take the time to recognize one of my constituents named Emma. Emma is 14 years old and was born with this incurable, progressive disease in her legs and feet. She first visited D.C. to advocate for this bill when she was 6 years old. Emma's advocacy has taught my team and me about lymphedema and the priorities for those living with this disease. She has shared about the painful complications and the need for the best treatment to be affordable.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the cost of compression treatment items. The Lymphedema Treatment Act would improve coverage for the treatment of lymphedema by extending coverage to include certain lymphedema compression treatment items. As a proud cosponsor and longtime supporter, I was excited to vote in support of H.R. 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, when it came for a vote in the House of Representatives. I urge the Senate to move this critical legislation forward. We owe it to Emma and to all those suffering from lymphedema to get this bill signed into law. I also hope that private insurers will follow suit and do the right things with coverage for compression treatment items.

I thank Emma, her family and my many constituents who advocated for this and made a difference in pushing this forward.

HONORING D H BROWN'S FOR ITS  
DECADES OF SERVING ILLI-  
NOISANS FROM ALL CORNERS  
OF THE STATE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize D H Brown's in Springfield, Illinois, for bringing Illinoisans together for decades.

An iconic downtown establishment located in former President Abraham Lincoln's hometown, D H Brown's caters to patrons from every walk of life. It is a staple in Central Illinois, and a gathering place for individuals to engage in thoughtful discussion on how to strengthen communities throughout the state. While the Illinois General Assembly is in session, it is not uncommon to see state legislators from both parties frequenting D H Brown's, talking directly with constituents and other Illinoisans alike. Owned by Alex Preston, it is a vital fixture that helps to embody the culture of Springfield. I'm confident that D H Brown's will continue to contribute to this deep political heritage for many years to come.

It is because of Illinois' quintessential establishments like D H Brown's that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally honor D H Brown's in Springfield for their decades of service to Illinoisans.

RICK MCLEOD APPRECIATED

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since 2008, Rick McLeod has served as the President and CEO of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) and after nearly 14 years of dedication to the nonprofit and the community, he has announced his retirement.

Rick has led the two-state of South Carolina and Georgia, five-county SRSCRO in facilitating economic development and serving as a unified voice for the region throughout his time there. He has played an integral role in advancing the organization's mission to craft and implement an extensive strategy that will promote the common economic interests of the community by furthering growth in the service area and stabilizing the financial state of the Savannah River Site.

Having received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering and a Master's in Environmental System Engineering from Clemson University, Rick exemplifies tremendous skill in technical training as well as extensive professional experience from his over 25 years in business development, fundraising, and project management in both the private and public sectors.

Aside from his work with SRSCRO, Rick has taken an active role in a national non-profit conservation organization, where he has first-hand experience with foundation and corporate donations, and federal grants and appropriations.

South Carolina is grateful for Rick's work in ensuring that the people of the state have opportunities to develop skills needed to obtain jobs in the area, thus connecting and strengthening the relationship between regional employers and educational institutions, ultimately increasing economic development.

I congratulate Rick on his retirement with best wishes for continued success.

AMERICA'S 21ST CENTURY TROJAN  
HORSE—THOMAS DRESSER

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an op-ed written by Dr. Thomas Dresser of Columbia, Missouri.

A Trojan horse for the United States of America in the 21st century is the container ship from China. The millions of containers bring high quality and lower priced goods to our country. The hidden cost is the loss of our ability to provide for ourselves. We cannot live without the contents of those containers, and we are becoming less able to produce them for ourselves. Items essential for the existence of our nation are made in China. This is a strategic mistake for the USA.

The original Trojan horse occurred when the Greek army was trying to defeat the city of Troy. After the years-long siege did not work, the Greeks pretended to leave but left